plans to float bonds for NRIs for the present

(b) Does not arise.

Arrears against Tamil Nadu and Punjab State Electricity Boards

5359. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Coking Coal Limited is not supplying coal to Tamil Nadu and Punjab State Electricity Board;

(b) if so, the reaons therefor; and

(c) whether the arrears for payment to B.C.C.L. are outstanding against these two SEBs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) There was no short fall in the supply of coal to Tamilnadu. There has been a shortfall in the receipt of coal from Bharat Coking Coal Limited at the linked power station of Punjab Electricity Board.

The reasons for shortfall in the supply of coal may be due to inability of coal companies and Railways to supply coal as per the approved coal linkage to the thermal power stations.

(c) As per the coal companies, following amounts was outstanding as on 8.4.95 against the SEBs:—

PROVISIONAL (Rs.in Lakhs

	Undisputed	Disputed	Total
Punjab State Electricity Board	(–) 1144	10556	9412
Tamil Nadu Electricity Board	(–) 499	417	(–) 82

Applications for Power Projects

5360. SHRI T. VBENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power projects an individual or a Company can apply for and execute at a given time;

(b) whether one group can implement more than one project at a time; and

(c) whether there is any minimum qualification on the financial condition of the group for applying or qualifying to take up such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) to (c) The policy does not lay down any limit on the number of projects to be executed by an individual or a Company at a given time. Before entrusting a power project to the promoter, the concerned State Governments/ State Electricity Boards are expected to examine the organisational, managerial and financial capabilities of the promoters

Setting up of Private Power Projects

5361. SHRI T.VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether individual promoters can set up power projects without the consent of the State Government in the States where due to political reasons certain promoters are not being given an opportunity to set up such project; and

(b) if so, whether the Central Government would clear such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) To set up a power project in any State, the promoter has necessarily to obtain consent of the concerned State Electricity Board/State Government. To introduce greater transparency in awarding of private power projects, competitive bidding route has been made mandatory for entrusting power projec ts to the private sector by the State Governments after 18.02.1995.

Crisis in Western Power Grid

5362. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Western power grid is facing a serious crisis;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether supply of natural gas to power stations of NTPC has been reduced;

(d) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA BEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) During the year 1994-95, the energy shortage in Western Region was 3.9% as against the All India average shortage of 7.1%.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Due to rectificatory measures at Bombay High, the supplies to existing NTPC plants have been restricted at a lower level than the linked quantities.

(e) For the better utilisation of the installed capacitites, alternate fuels such as Naphtha have been made available to take care of the fluctuations in supply of the gas.

रिलायंस उद्योग द्वारा स्थापित की जाने वाली विद्युत परियोजनाएं

5363. श्री संघ प्रिय गौतम: क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने हाल ही में रिलायंस इण्डस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड के साथ गुजरात, मध्य प्रदेश और उत्तर प्रदेश में विद्युत परियोजनाएं स्थापित करने संबंधी समझौतों पर हस्ताक्षर किये हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है तथा प्रत्येक परियोजना की क्षमता कितनी है और उनके द्वारा वाणिज्यिक उत्पादन कब शुरू कर दिए जाने की उम्मीद है; और

(ग) रिलायंस इण्डस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड के साथ हुए समझौते से देश में विद्युत की कमी को किस हद तक पूरा किया जा सकेगा तथा उक्त राज्यों में परियोजनावार कितने लोगों को रोजगार के अवसर मिलने की संभावना है?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती उर्मिलाबेन चिमनभाई पटेल): (क) से (ग) भारत सरकार ने मैसर्स रिलायंस इण्डस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड के साथ गुजरात, मध्य प्रदेश एवं उत्तर प्रदेश में विद्युत परियोजनाएं स्थापित करने के लिए किसी समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर नहीं किए हैं। तथापि, गुजरात सरकार ने गुजरात के जामनगर में 4×250 मेगावाट के ताप विद्युत केन्द्र की स्थापना के लिए सिद्धांत रूप से अपनी मंजूरी दे दी है। मैसर्स रिलायंस पावर ने प्रथम चरण में जामनगर में 2×250 मेगावाट विद्युत संयंत्र स्थापित करने का प्रस्ताव रखा है। संयंत्र के वाणिज्यिक उत्पादन का समय, आवश्यक स्वीकृतियां प्राप्त होने, वित्तीय समापन प्राप्त होने तथा परियोजना का निर्माण कार्य पूरा होने पर निर्भर करेगा। कम्पनी ने सूचित किया है कि इस संयंत्र से लगभग 1000 लोगों को रोजगार मिलेगा।

Proposals for Power Projects in Andhra Pradesh

5364. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted project proposals for power generation exceeding 11,200 M.W.;